



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Vito Cannella
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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JANUARY 7, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañño called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañño led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañño
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hal
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vito Cannella

Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff
Joseph Ramos, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 10, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Bigby, and unanimously carried, the minutes of December 10, 2008, were approved with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montañño reported on one (1) news article:

- “Report Urges Overhaul of Boards”, Daily Breeze, December 11, 2008, regarding the commission report conducted by Arroyo Associates, Inc., found at least 10 county commissions that haven’t met for years and are no longer needed, yet they continue to exist.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$405.93.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

An invitation was received from The Cannon House and Holy Helping Hands First Annual Fundraiser “Empowering People To Become New Creation in Christ” at The Proud Bird on March 21, 2009.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM DECEMBER 10, 2008, TO JANUARY 6, 2009

Heritage Group Homes #3 – 28, #1 – Commissioner Montaño

The facility was visited on November 25, 2008 and no one was home.

Michelle Travis Inc. – 38, #3 – Commissioner Montaño

The facility was visited on December 9, 2008 and no one was home.

GLASS(Stephen Gabin) – 24, #2 – Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on December 11, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Lakewood Sheriff Station – Chair Montaño

The facility was visited on December 15, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: The telephones need to be moved to lower position on the wall for easier access.

Alhambra Courthouse – Commissioners Bacio and Bigby

The facility was visited on December 16, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: The Live Scan Machine needs to be repaired; cameras are needed in the Sally Port.

Junior Blind of America – 32, #1 – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on December 16, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Whittier Courthouse – Commissioners Montaño and Hammargren

The facility was visited on December 16, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: The ceiling needs to be replaced; vents need to be cleaned.

Jail Ward LAC/USC – Commissioners Bacio, Bigby, Hall, Montaño and Moore

The facility was visited on December 17, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: When the fire alarm goes off, the hospital doesn’t know where the sound is coming from; officers are required to walk a long distance to and from their lockers without their duty belt causing a safety issue.

Inglewood Courthouse – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on December 18, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Mujeres y Hombres Nobles CDS/ISS – Commissioner Bacio

The facility was visited on December 18, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Phoenix House Los Angeles – 49, #1 – Commissioners Bigby

The facility was visited on December 19, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Pipe in kitchen is leaking.

Maryvale – 38, #1 – Commissioners Bigby

The facility was visited on December 22, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Bourne Inc. – 4, #4 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on December 23, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Bedroom furniture needs to be replaced, dishwasher and stove burner are not working and need cleaning; barbeque pit needs to be cleaned; window covers need to be replaced; closets need to be cleaned and curtains or doors needed on closet entrances; kitchen tile and floor needs to be cleaned.

CRDF – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on December 23, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Leroy Boys Home/ LeRay Haynes Center – 33, #4 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on December 26, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Replace one tile in the bathroom; windows are being placed because of the graffiti on them.

Rosemary Children's Services – 52, #1 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on December 29, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Needs and Service Plan not on premises.

Pomona Courthouse – Commissioner Hammargren

The facility was visited on December 29, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: More security officers needed after hours; fence needs to be installed.

Torrance Courthouse – Commissioners Bacio and Hall

The facility was visited on December 30, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Vents need to be cleaned; cells need to be power washed quarterly.

Carson Sheriff Station – Commissioners Montaña and Hammargren

The facility was visited on December 30, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Refrigerator needs to be replaced.

Lennox Sheriff Station – Commissioner Montaña and Hammargren

The facility was visited on December 31, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Fleming & Barne Dimondale Adolescents #4 – 21, #3 – Commissioners Montaña and Hammargren

The facility was visited on January 5, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Need to clean under the sink.

Dream Home Care Inc. # 1 – 15, #3 – Commissioners Montaña and Hammargren

The facility was visited on January 6, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 12:44p.m. in memory of Mrs. Mittie Albritten.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis
Commission Services Division